

The following Listing of Claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application.

LISTING OF CLAIMS:

1. (Currently Amended) A spring seat ~~for supporting~~ being configured to support a spring ~~that absorbs and dampens~~ to absorb and to dampen torsional vibrations, ~~the spring~~ seat comprising:

a seat body ~~that supports~~ being configured to support an end portion of the spring in a compression direction ~~in which~~ of the spring is ~~compressed~~; and

a sliding portion being comprised of a material ~~that is different~~ differing from a material ~~that the~~ comprising said seat body, said sliding portion being configured to slide is ~~comprised of and capable of sliding~~ on other members, and said sliding portion being mounted over an outer side of said spring extending in said compression direction.

2. (Currently Amended) The spring seat ~~set forth in~~ according to claim 1, further comprising₁[[:]]

cover portions that extend from ~~the~~ said seat body and ~~which~~ cover outer sides of the spring₁[[:]]

wherein ~~the~~ said sliding portion is mounted on an outer side of one of ~~the~~ said cover portions.

3. (Currently Amended) The spring seat ~~set forth in~~ according to claim 1, wherein ~~the~~ said seat body is ~~comprised~~ made of a metal material ~~having a high degree of~~

~~strength, and the sliding portion is comprised of a material having a low coefficient of friction.~~

4. (Currently Amended) The spring seat ~~set forth in~~ according to claim 3, wherein ~~the seat body is made of a metal, and the~~ said sliding portion is made of a synthetic resin.

5. (Currently Amended) A spring assembly, comprising:
a spring; and
a spring ~~sheet seat set forth in~~ according to in claim 1 and being mounted on ~~the an~~ end portion of ~~the~~ said spring.

6. (New) The spring seat according to claim 2, wherein
said cover portions include a first cover portion that covers one coil turn of the spring, and a second cover portion that is longer than said first cover portion.

7. (New) The spring assembly according to claim 5, further comprising,
a float body disposed in said spring.

8. (New) A spring assembly comprising:
a spring;
a spring seat having,

a seat body being configured to support an end portion of said spring in a compression direction of said spring, and

a sliding portion being made of a material differing from a material comprising said seat body, said sliding portion being configured to slide on other members; and
a float body being disposed inside said spring.

9. (New) The spring assembly according to claim 8, wherein
said spring seats include cover portions that extend from said seat body and cover outer sides of the spring, said sliding portion is mounted on an outer side of one of said cover portions.

10. (New) The spring assembly according to claim 8, wherein
said seat body is made of a metal.

11. (New) The spring assembly according to claim 10, wherein
said sliding portion is made of a synthetic resin.

12. (New) The spring assembly according to claim 8, wherein
said sliding portion is made of a synthetic resin.

13. (New) The spring assembly according to claim 8, wherein
said float body includes a coil spring and a pair of spring seats.

14. (New) A clutch disk assembly comprising:
a pair of input side plates;

a hub flange being axially disposed between said pair of input side plates; and
a spring assembly being configured to link said pair of input side plates and hub
flange together in a rotational direction, said spring assembly having,

a spring,

a spring seat having,

a seat body being configured to support an end portion of said spring in
a compression direction of said spring, and

a sliding portion being made of a material differing from a material
comprising said seat body, said sliding portion being configured to slide on
other members.

15. (New) The clutch disk assembly according to claim 14, wherein
said spring seats include cover portions that extend from said seat body and cover
outer sides of the spring, said sliding portion is mounted on an outer side of one of said cover
portions.

16. (New) The clutch disk assembly according to claim 14, wherein
said seat body is made of a metal.

17. (New) The clutch disk assembly according to claim 16, wherein
said sliding portion is made of a synthetic resin.

18. (New) The clutch disk assembly according to claim 14, wherein
said sliding portion is made of a synthetic resin.

19. (New) The clutch disk assembly according to claim 18, further comprising, a float body disposed inside said spring.

20. (New) The clutch disk assembly according to claim 19, wherein said float body includes a coil spring and a pair of spring seats.